



The Token Hunter

N.U.T.S. National Utah Token Society

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medals, tokens, coins and bottles*

President's Message



Hi Everyone,

It appears that winter has decided to stick around a little longer. I am sure that there will be warmer weather and dryer soil out there soon.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Bob Campbell for hosting last months meeting at his shop and of course he gave an amazing presentation.

This month we will be having the finds of the month competition. For those of you that have been out in the strong weather please bring your finds.

This month's guest speaker will be Mr. Lee McKenzie giving a spectacular presentation about "Hard-time Tokens". This will be a great opportunity to learn more about these types of tokens.

Remember that gold coin is just around the corner, it may be under some snow, but it is out there.

See ya at the meeting.

Todd Monson



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1804 silver dollar & 1943 copper penny



Bob Campbell

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Don't forget about the drawing we will have lots of great prizes



Next Meeting is April 24th

Please bring in
any Library books
that you have
checked out

Bring your finds of the
month

Coming together is a beginning:
Keeping together is progress:
Working together is success

Henry Ford

Miscellaneous club news

**Next Meeting is April 24th
Columbus Community Center
2530 So. 400 E.**



Club metal design 2013

Oregon Trail

For several decades, many Jewish reformers and Zionist nationalists had argued that Jews needed to become "a normal nation" and urged the abandonment of both urban living and occupations traditionally associated with Jews. This Back to the land movement urged Jews to find a purer life and to renounce sedentary jobs in favor of those based on manual labor.

The project was funded by the Jewish Agricultural and Colonial Association, an organization of some 200 Jewish families living in northeastern cities. Organized in 1910, the Association sent Benjamin Brown and Isaac Herbst as representatives in 1911 to investigate potential sites in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. The New Mexico option proved to be impractically expensive. As the disappointed investigators were preparing to leave New Mexico, they received a telegram suggesting a stop in Utah. The state was at the time engaged in a campaign to attract settlers, and in the process of constructing the Piute Canal, which was to irrigate vast tracts of desert. The Association was also encouraged by the financially secure and politically well-connected Jewish community of Salt Lake City. Such prominent local Jews as Simon Bamberger, Samuel Newhouse, and attorney Daniel Alexander pledged their support and began to advocate for the group with area business and political leaders. The Utah State Board of Land Commissioners sent a representative to escort Brown and Herbst to inspect available land. They were favorably impressed with a parcel of state-owned land in south-central Utah below the planned Piute Canal. Brown was convinced of the soil's fertility, and with the state's assurances of available water, the Association agreed to purchase the land at auction on August 7, 1911.

Brown became the leader of the colonists, returning to the area permanently in September 1911. Although the settlement was small, with just 23 families, optimism was high. Utah had been advertising nationally to receive more settlers, and Governor William Spry was so pleased with the experiment that he journeyed the 135 miles (217 km) from the capital in order to celebrate the community's first harvest.

More than 1,000 visitors celebrated with the colony settlers after their first harvest in 1912. In October 1912, there were about 150 families at the colony when the Jewish Agricultural and Colonial Association announced that fifty additional families would join the settlement.

Due to problems with harvests and the inexperience of the urban settlers, the settlement faced financial problems and the state foreclosed on the property in 1915. Most of the settlers returned to New York City



This month's demonstration will a salute
to the
Buffalo Nickel. First minted in 1913 and
designed
by James Earle Fraser.

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